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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**ILLEGAL ALIEN GETS 18 YEARS FOR ROLE IN CROSS
COUNTRY METH CONSPIRACY**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that EDUARDO CRUZ , 30, Michoacan, Mexico, was sentenced to 216 months (18 years) imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to Conspiracy to Distribute 50 Grams or More of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by an Alien Illegally in the United States. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Police Department.

The investigation in this case revealed that CRUZ, a Mexican national who was illegally residing in Indianapolis, Indiana, was the intended recipient of a large amount of pure methamphetamine that originated in California and was interdicted by law enforcement agents near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Cruz was arrested at his residence located at 1156 Dawson in Indianapolis after he accepted delivery of the methamphetamine. A search of Cruz' residence

resulted in the seizure of an additional 437 grams of pure methamphetamine, over a kilogram of cocaine, \$125,900.00 in U.S. currency, 2 loaded semiautomatic firearms, digital scales, packaging material, and a large amount of dimethyl sulfone, a commonly used "cutting" agent for methamphetamine. Law enforcement agents seized a total of over 8 kilograms of pure methamphetamine in this case.

According to Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also ordered CRUZ to surrender to Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials for deportation proceedings after serving his sentence.

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